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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner Green is thanked for his careful consideration of the present patent application and for his search of the prior art.

The claims in the invention are drawn towards a method for preventing *hot* asphalt from adhering to a surface. This invention was subsumed by the original Group I claims, claims 9-16, and Applicants hereby affirm this election.

The § 112 rejections are moot in light of the claim amendments.

With respect to the art rejections, none of the cited art pertains to hot asphalt. Moreover, the art does not suggest the present invention, and that all of the cited art pertains to antiicing or deicing compositions and methods, not methods that pertain to hot asphalt.


Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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